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Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board Meeting

Georgia Department of Community Health
2 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303

5th Floor Overflow Board Room

July 21, 2010

1:00 P.M- 3:00 P.M.

Members Present

Patty Lavelly, Vice President
& Chief Information Officer,
Memorial Health University
Medical Center

Denise Watson, Account
Executive, Quest Diagnostics

Joel Schuessler, Staff
Attorney, DeKalb Medical
Center

DCH Staff and Guests Present

Ruth Carr, State HIT
Coordinator

Ophelia Spear, OHITT
Doris Konneh, OHITT

Brenda Lewis, OHITT
Montra May, OHITT
Deme Thomas, OHITT
Marcus Clayton, OHITT

Anjanette Keane-Dawes,
OHITT

Karen Adams, OHITT

Terri Branning, OHITT
Deidra Dorsey, OHITT

Van Nguyen, OHITT

Jason Whitley, OHITT
Lynne Hillabrant, OHITT
Janice Ward, OHITT
Jill Girardeau, Atty.

Timothy Roark, GAPHC

Karen Schoenfeld, DCH
Mike Lundie, Empathy Health
System

Linda Champion, Wellstar
William Overman, HMS
Max Stachura, MCG
Loretta Lepore, Lepore
Associates

Engell Collier, HP

Lorraine McMillion,
TPC/DCH

Jerry Dubberly, DCH
Farah Chapes, CHOA

O'Dell Covington, OHITT

Peggy Woodruff, OHITT
Susan Miller, Atty.
Cynthia Windsor, HIMSS

Chip Strosnider, Kaiser
Permanente

Robin Bracher, Shared Health
Mark Braunstein, GA Tech

Denise Hines, Healthnovation
Lenny Swisson
Kyle Rand, XO
Tonia Benefield, Well Health

Valeria Attell, CCBOH

Steven Luxenberg, Piedmont
Healthcare

Steve Rushing, GA Tech
Monica Hendricks, GRN
Comm. Board

David Hartnett, Metro Atlanta
Chamber of Commerce

Sarah Lambert, Relay Health
Jeff Daniels, GARHIO
Eric Goldstein, GMCF

Phone Call-in

Diane Perkins

Glenn Pearson, Georgia
Hospital Association

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Agenda

1:00 p.m. – 1:02 p.m.	Call to Order	Patty Lavelly , <i>Chair</i>
1:03 p.m. – 1:04 p.m.	Approval of Minutes	Denise Watson , <i>Secretary</i>
1:05 p.m.- 1:10 p.m.	Introduction	Ruth Carr , Senior Deputy General Counsel/State HIT Coordinator
1:11 p.m. – 2:26 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgia Health Information Exchange	TBA
1:27 p.m. – 2:27 p.m.	Departmental Updates	
	Presentation	Ron Lutz
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Georgia Health-e Connect• Medicaid Incentive Program• State HIE Grant• Legal• Training and Outreach• Project Deadlines• Communication• Business	Deidra M. Dorsey , <i>MIP Project Director</i> Montra K. May , <i>SHIE Project Director</i>
2: 28 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.	Overview- New Regulations <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ New Federal Rules▪ NPRM	Susan A. Miller, JD
2:50 p.m. – 2:51 p.m.	Advisory Board Terms	Ruth Carr , Senior Deputy General Counsel/State HIT Coordinator
2:52 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	Wrap- Up Adjourn	Patty Lavelly , <i>Chair</i>

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The meeting was called to order by Chair Patty Lavelly at 1:10 p.m.

Ruth Carr, the Senior Deputy General Counsel for the Department of Community Health (DCH), was introduced as the new State Health Information Technology (HIT) Coordinator.

New Business - Introduction of the “New” Office of Health Information Technology and Transparency (OHITT) Work Team

State HIT Coordinator Ruth Carr introduced the Office of HITT work team: Janice Ward, Attorney; Lynne Hillabrant, Privacy and Security Expert; Peggy Woodruff, Communications Lead; Van Nguyen, Transparency Web Analyst; Doris Konneh, Training and Outreach Coordinator; Tracy Sims, Liaison with the Regional Extension Center; O’Dell Covington, Financial Analyst; Ron Lutz, Project Management; Jason Whitley, Web Analyst; Deidra Dorsey, Project Director for the Medicaid Incentive Program (MIP); Terry Branning, Business Analyst SME for Medicaid; Anjanette Keane-Dawes, Project Manager for the Electronic Health Records Project; Karen Adams, Project Manager for the Medicaid Incentive Program / Health Information Exchange (MIP/HIE); Montra May, Project Director for HIE; Brenda Lewis, Administrative Assistant for OHITT; Sue Miller, Special Assistant Attorney General; and Jill Girardeau, Special Assistant Attorney General for the OHITT legal team.

Ruth Carr emphasized the strengths and importance that each staff member will contribute to the group as a whole. She made the point that, “We are on the precipice of something splendid.” Carr reported that OHITT is moving forward along with stakeholders and constituents in Georgia to reach the next level, which is the creation of an interoperable statewide health information exchange.

Carr expressed appreciation to the members of the Advisory Board for their teamwork and good work done over many, many months. In addition to articulating her personal appreciation, Carr suggested that the Board would see much of its hard work materialize in the form of the State Health Information Exchange Strategic and Operational Plan that will be delivered to the Office of the National Coordinator on August 31, 2010. Carr noted that she anticipated being able to present that plan to the Board at the August meeting. She stated that the plan is being produced primarily by the OHITT legal team, along with technical assistance and technical infrastructure contributions from the Georgia Tech Research Institute.

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Next, Carr expressed enthusiasm about the positive feedback she has been receiving from stakeholders across Georgia. She noted that DCH is excited about the positive energy level and stated that the Department is on the verge of working on an extraordinary, unprecedented collaboration. Carr also pointed out that the people at the meeting today represented a very broad coalition of stakeholders. Carr announced that she had just received news that DCH had geometrically multiplied the expansion of its stakeholders groups. She alluded to news from a representative from the Metropolitan Atlanta Chamber of Commerce (MCC) which would later clarify some important developments and would be shared later in the meeting.

Lavelly responded, “This is very exciting news. We have been working on this a long time so it really nice to see it coming together.”

PRESENTATIONS:

Ron Lutz, Program Management, OHITT, provided a brief update on OHITT’s interconnected collection of programs projects and their current status.

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Deidre Dorsey, Project Director Medicaid Incentives program, gave an update on the Program, including the major goals of the planning phase, challenges to the project and major opportunities. Dorsey also provided an update on the “soft launch” of the National Kiosk Project in Georgia. (See presentation at:

http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,31446711_69326946,00.html)

Montra May, Project Director HIE, presented an update on the HIE Interoperable Health Care Community: *Georgia’s Conceptual View*. (See presentation at:

http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,31446711_69326946,00.html)

Carr then introduced David Hartnett from the Metro Chamber of Commerce. Carr stated that as she had entered the room today, she had received wonderful news from Hartnett concerning the Metro Chamber’s work. She also stated she was excited about an HIT relationship with the Chamber. Carr requested that Hartnett brief the group about the Chamber’s work. Hartnett asked the audience to keep in mind that what he said would reinforce the entire purpose of collaboration.

Hartnett expressed his hope that he was delivering good news. He stated, “When you hear ‘Metro Atlanta,’ everyone talks about ‘two states,’ one being Metro Atlanta and the rest of the state. The Metro Chamber is broader than just Atlanta and its suburbs. This is truly about the whole state. Our organization has helped form a public/private partnership, a 501(3)(c) non-

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profit organization, consisting of a board of directors, businesses, providers, academic institutions and hospitals. The goal is to provide our full resources to the statewide HIE. The Chamber received funding to support the state; thus, the Chamber's goal is to work with you by providing you with work that has already been accomplished. Hopefully you will be able to integrate it into your current work. We would like to show our findings to the group sometime in the near future." Hartnett further stated that Metro Chamber has tremendous support and he offered its resources to support the state's effort in forming a public/private HIE partnership. He compared the Metro Chamber's role as a neutral convener similar to Switzerland.

Next, Sue Miller updated the group on new federal rules, modifications to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA); privacy, security and enforcement under the HITECH Act and the final rule for the electronic health records incentives program. She explained some of the EHR standards, criteria, and implementation specifications. Miller noted that business associates will be subject to more rules and will have their own direct liability, not just contractual liability. Miller also pointed out that the Final Rule on "Meaningful Use" has more flexibility than the Proposed Rule had. She noted that CMS is requiring that risk analysis be conducted and that, although previously encryption had been encouraged, it would now be required. Miller also provided responses to questions from Lavelly.

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Advisory Board Terms:

Carr noted that the terms of the current members of the Health Information Technology and Transparency Advisory Board had recently expired, thus making today's meeting unofficial. Noting that all members of the Board are appointed by the DCH Commissioner, Carr stated, "The Commissioner would be making appointments to begin new two year terms. The majority of the current members wish to continue serving. Today we are doing an informational session, so it was not necessary to vote on any official action. The meeting notice for August will be sent out soon for our next face-to-face meeting. We will have the completed draft of the Strategic and Operational Plan for the Health Information Exchange at that time."

Carr briefly summarized her recent visit to Savannah to observe the health information exchange that is being operated by the Chatham County SafetyNet Planning Council, Inc. (CCSNPC). Carr told the audience about her visit and commended the program. She praised CCSNPC for achieving "an amazing coordination of care."

Call-In Presentation:

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Glenn Pearson presented an update on the Georgia Health Information Exchange, Inc. (GHIE), an organization for which he serves in a leadership role. Pearson stated, “We trace our history back to the late 1990’s.” Pearson explained that one of the main objectives for GHIE is to further communication among the various sectors in the health care fields and patient care. According to Pearson, “The vision for GHIE has always been to be an umbrella organization to serve as a ‘network of networks.’” Pearson stated that GHIE is seeking to further electronic health information exchange, to share lessons learned, and to avoid incompatible practices.” He concluded by stating that “every community is different” and that the approaches of individual communities “will need to be accommodated accordingly.”

Next Advisory Board Meeting:

Lavelly stated that the next Advisory Board meeting would be held on August 18, 2010.

Meeting Adjournment:

Lavelly adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

THESE MINUTES ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2010.

Patty Lavelly, Chair

Jack Chapman, M.D., Vice-Chair

Ruth A. Carr, State HIT Coordinator